(d) and (e) While targets do have to be readjusted according to allocation of funds, within Education, inter-Sectorally, efforts have been made to allocate larger funds for Elementary Education in absolute and relative terms.

Legislation in U.S. Congress against Third World Countries

1916. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that legislation in the U.S. Congress seeking to halt technology transfer and raise trade barriers against Third World Countries that have or are developing ballistic missile capabilities, if so, what is the information in this regard ;

(b) whether it is aimed at India's launching of 'Agni' missile ; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and whether the issue has been taken up with U.S. Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman of the Defence Industry and Technology Sub-Committee of the Senate Armed Services Committee held a hearing of this Sub-Committee on 2nd May to consider the issue of missile proliferation. No legislation has yet been proposed.

(b) The hearing of the Sub-Committee covered all aspects of the missile proliferation issue in general. Some Senators, however, expressed concerns about the launching of the Agni missile.

(c) Government of India have made known to the US Government India's intention to develop and test indigenous technologies related to the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, which are of vital importance to India's national security requirement.

Air flights via Vijayawada

1917. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Avro and other flights are not touching Vijayawada Airport since the 17th April, 1989 and only Vayudoot is being operated through Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has temporarily transferred its HS-748 aircraft to Vayudoot for a period of six months and Vayudoot is operating a Daily Avro service to Vijayawada.

Indian Ambassadors abroad holding additional charge

1918. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Indian Ambssadors who are holding additional charge and what are the details thereof?

(b) whether this is hampering the work in discharging their duties if so, what steps are being taken to overcome this situation ;

(c) whether there is an indication that one Ambassador is being